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1. BOTH GOVERNMENT-OWNED MORNING NEWSPAPERS FRONT-PAGED NUGS STATEMENT REPORTED IN REFTEL, AS DID LEFTIST PEOPLES EVENING NEWS.

2. MORE MODERATE DAILY GRAPHIC PRINTED EDITORIAL "DR."K" IN AFRICA". NOTING NUGS STATEMENT, EDITORIAL COUNTERS THAT A VISIT BY KISSINGER "HAS POSITIVE VALUES" IN TERMS OF PERMITTING THE U.S. THUS TO OBTAIN "A TRUE AND CLEAR PICTURE" OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS.

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3. A KISSINGER VISIT, THE GRAPHIC SAYS, "WOULD BE VALUABLE IF IT

COULD BRING A CHANGE IN AMERICA'S ATTITUDE TO THE PROGRESSIVE MEMBERS OF THE OAU..." CITING THE "COMPLETELY IMAGINARY" U.S. FEAR OF COMMUNIST PENETRATION, THE GRAPHIC ASSERTS: "AMERICA'S RECENT UTTERANCES ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, INCLUDING ITS WARNING TO THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA NOT TO GIVE ANY MORE HELP TO AFRICA'S FREEDOM FIGHTERS, IS DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE WITH AMERICA'S OBLIGATION, AS A UNITED NATIONS MEMBER, TO SUPPORT DECOLONIZATION OF THE CONTINENT. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S EQUATION OF AFRICAN NATIONALISM WITH COMMUNISM DOES AMERICA'S IMAGE CONSIDERABLE HARM IN AFRICA. WE THEREFORE EXPECT THAT THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WILL SEIZE ALL THE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY HIS VISIT TO CORRECT THIS IMAGE AND SET U.S.-AFRICA RELATIONS ON THE RIGHT COURSE."

4. EVENING NEWS EDITORIAL, EXPECTEDLY SAID "KISSINGER--GO HOME*" LONG DIATRIBE ACCUSES SECRETARY OF HAVING "RACIST AND VIOLENT POLICIES", OF ESCALATING ANGOLAN CONFLICT, AND OF "THREATENING AFRICA ABOUT (THE) UNITED STATES' POSSIBLE INTERVENTION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA." CITES REASON FOR CANCELLATION OF NIGERIA VISIT "HIS COUNTRY'S INVOLVEMENT" IN THE ABORTIVE COUP. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES: "THERE IS ... NO NEED FOR KISSINGER TO PICK GHANA AS A SUBSTITUTE OR A SECOND CHOICE OR EVEN USE GHANA AS A SCAPEGOAT TO COVER HER SHAMEFUL ACTS AGAINST MOTHER AFRICA... WE CALL ON THE AUTHORITIES AND THE YOUTH OF GHANA TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO STOP KISSINGER'S PROPOSED VISIT TO GHANA BECAUSE HE IS NUMBER ONE ARCH ENEMY OF AFRICA".

5. NORMALLY ANTI-U.S. GHANAIAAN TIMES REFRAINED FROM EDITORIALIZING ON STATEMENT.
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